



**EDITORIAL.**

The Editor, on surveying the manuscript of the present number, comes to the sad conclusion that unless the Printer produces the whole thing in capitals it cannot hope to be as large as the Election Term one. But there are so few inter-house events in the Play Term that it is correspondingly difficult to obtain many articles. When the Editor approaches people to write articles not directly pertaining to a house event they first of all look a little puzzled and then say, "Well, what sort of thing?" The Editor usually hasn't the foggiest notion, otherwise he would have written the articles himself, and replies, "Oh! anything of interest." The conclusion is that everyone else seems both as fogged and devoid of "interesting" articles as the Editor.

But since the last Editorial was written we have heard of the sad fact that the School is going to lose the services of the Head Master. We have not either sufficient age or experience to give an account of Dr. Costley White's work, and the judgment of boys is usually far from ripe. Fortunately we were able to show how sorry we are to lose him and how much we think he has done for the School when he was able to accept an invitation to the Play Supper.

We would like, on behalf of the House, to extend a cordial welcome to the new Head Master, Mr. John Christie, and we hope that he will quickly find himself surrounded by new friends.

Two other points may be noted about the Play Supper. One was that the fact came to light that, out of the sixteen sons of Old Westminster at the School, no less than twelve are up Grant's. The second point was that we enjoyed the company of Mr. Carleton for the first time in his capacity of House Tutor.

On returning from the holidays we found that a new roof had been put on the old part of the House. This was very badly needed, as it not only leaked but when there was a strong wind the slates used to slide about.

In the realm of sport this term we have to congratulate the House on its stupendous victory in Seniors. A score of 30 goals scored in the three rounds played is indeed something of which to be proud. But our position with regard to the League shows that unless we do well in Juniors next term the outlook in future years may not be so bright.

One other activity connected with the House also gives food for serious thought, namely the Old Grantite Club. The number of Old Granties who have joined in recent years is very small, and unless the life of Old Grantites is a long one there will be a serious drop in the membership of the Club. The Committee have now set to work to devise some scheme. The heart of the trouble seems to lie in the subscription, which is a little large for people who have just left and are either not earning very much or trying to do on an allowance which they consider too small. Some plan on the line of the termly contribution to the Elizabethan Club would appear to meet the case admirably. No doubt a satisfactory solution will be found before the next School year begins.

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### HOUSE NOTES.

We welcome this term in addition to those mentioned in the last number F. J. Earle as boarder. We hope that he will be happy in his new surroundings.

P. J. J. Roberts is leaving us this term. We wish him the very best of success in the future.

Outer and Middle have changed round so that now Outer is senior to Middle. This was done because Outer is by far the less uncomfortable room. In Outer are J. P. Hart, S. Moller, J. C. S. Doll and M. L. Patterson, boarders, and H. T. N. Sears, P. H. Bosanquet and H. H. E. Batten, half-boarders.

In Middle are C. R. Strother-Stewart, J. O. L. Dick and J. W. Woodbridge, boarders, and A. B. Watson-Gandy and R. V. C. Cleveland-Stevens, half-boarders.

We won Seniors, beating Ashburnham 11-nil in the first round, King's Scholars 11-nil in the semi-final and Home-boarders 8-1 in the final.

We did not do so well in the League, ending up fifth.

We heartily congratulate D. F. Cunliffe and J. W. Woodbridge on their Football Pinks, J. C. S. Doll on his Pink and Whites, and D. L. Wilkinson on his Thirds.

Congratulations to S. Moller and W. P. Budgett on their House Colours.

In the O.T.C. G. L. Y. Radcliffe has been promoted to Under-Officer, D. L. Wilkinson to Lance-Sergeant and to command a Platoon, and M. L. Patterson, J. W. Woodbridge and P. J. J. Roberts to Lance-Corporals. The last three are all to be congratulated on passing Part 1 of Cert. A.

In the Scouts H. A. Budgett has been promoted Troop Leader, D. F. Cunliffe Patrol Leader, and C. R. Strother-Stewart Patrol Second.

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### THE PLAY SUPPER.

As there was no Play this year owing to the death of His late Majesty King George there could be no official Play Supper. But Mr. Murray-Rust generously decided that there should be a Supper indistinguishable from the usual one.

This was held on Thursday, December 17th, and in every way was most successful. The fare provided was excellent and when everyone could eat no more Mr. Murray-Rust proposed the Loyal

Toast. Then the Head of the House rose and before continuing with the customary speech expressed the House's pleasure at the presence of the Head Master and of Mr. Carleton. He went on to say that the House had had a very successful year. The House had won both the Sports Cups and numerous batons; the regatta trophies had almost all come to adorn Hall; the Corps Cup, the Art Cup and finally Seniors this term had all been won, the latter by a magnificent margin in all the three rounds, and finally we found that we had won the Squire Bowl at the end of Election Term by 1 point from Homeboarders. We hope that Mr. Squire will still find his Bowl up House at the next Play Supper. He then proposed the toast of Floreat! Immediately after this the Head Master, who had had to attend an Old Westminster's Masonic Lodge meeting, opportunely arrived just as Mr. Murray-Rust was going to propose the health of the Guests and of the Head Master. To this most amusing speech Mr. Squire and the Head Master replied. The Head Master said that he felt it a very great pleasure and honour to be present, and he felt sure that under Mr. Murray-Rust the House would prosper and reach new heights of success.

The speeches were followed by the new boys' songs, very excellently done, accompanied by Farley on the piano. Inner and Outer produced some musical entertainment. These songs were interspersed by community singing, and this was followed by the old favourites, Mr. Bevan's Grantite folk song and Dr. Radcliffe's "Carrion Crow." The other guests could not be prevailed upon to produce any kind of musical turns, so the evening's enjoyment was brought to its close by the singing of John Peel, the School Song, Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

## 1st ROUND OF SENIORS.

### Grant's v. Ashburnham.

Having lost the toss we kicked off badly, and for the first few minutes it seemed to anyone not used to the peculiarity of Grant's senior teams that the sides were evenly matched. However the team soon pulled itself together, and H. A. Budgett put in a beautiful shot which only just failed to score. Doll was the first to score, receiving the ball from the post at which it had been driven by Woodbridge. Throughout the game the defence was effective but at times precarious. The forwards did not seem to make anything like full use of Woodbridge's persistent and artistic centres; but in spite of this it was not long before Cunliffe scored from Wilkinson. Doll headed the next one in, again from Wilkinson. The forwards were now showing much better form, although their combination lacked just that something which goes to make a goal. Fursdon scored with a nice unexpected long shot, making the score four nil at half time. Ashburnham put up a good fight but were quite outclassed, and the game became rather one sided, except for one lapse when Ashburn-

ham very nearly scored just after the reporter had been condoling with the goal keeper on his lack of exercise. Doll and Wilkinson scored four more goals in quick succession which put us comfortably ahead. Wilkinson and Doll both scored again and just before the whistle Doll netted once more, making the final score eleven-nil. This may seem to have been a complete and utter rout: but Grant's teams have an uncanny knack of not playing together; their habit of playing like a second-rate league side for the first five or ten minutes of the game may have disastrous results when they are up against a comparatively good team.

S.M.

## THE SEMI-FINALS ROUND OF SENIORS.

### Grant's v. King's Scholars.

Playing at Grove Park on a very slippery ground, Grant's easily beat King's Scholars by 11-0.

The ground had been saturated by heavy rain during the morning and the scarcity of grass on a very soft ground slowed the game to such an extent that it was never really exciting. King's Scholars won the toss and chose to play with the slight wind, leaving Grant's to kick off. The Scholars' forward line ran through the Grantite defence and for the first ten minutes dominated the game, giving M. L. Patterson a lot of work; except for one run up the left wing by J. W. Woodbridge, which almost resulted in a goal, Grant's showed no spirit of attack or any combination.

The first good movement of the game was started by a pass from Cunliffe at the half-way line, Fursdon received it, ran up to within ten yards and shot wide. During the next ten minutes Grant's were on the defensive and, without the opposition of H. A. Budgett at centre half, King's Scholars would have got through.

Gradually the team settled down, getting used to the slippery ground, and a very fast run up the right wing by W. P. Budgett gave Grant's a corner, which was headed over the bar. Two more attacks were warded off and at last, after twenty minutes, Grant's scored their first goal; coming from a very good centre by W. P. Budgett, the ball rolled across the goal mouth, and after three frantic miskicks, Woodbridge ran in and pushed it over the line.

Several times after this, College put in some good shots which were well saved by Patterson. Shortly before half-time Wilkinson received a well-directed pass from Cunliffe and with a good shot scored our second goal. Three minutes later Cunliffe, taking a hard shot from a centre by Woodbridge, scored the third goal.

At the beginning of the second half Urquhart saved some very good shots but was unable to stop one by Woodbridge. A few minutes later Woodbridge scored again from a run down the wing. Grant's then seemed to settle down, the forwards began to receive some excellent passes from the halves, which resulted in a fumbled goal from Winckworth; another goal from a shot by Cunliffe put Grant's ahead by seven clear goals. W. P. Budgett showed some

excellent football during the last twenty minutes, putting across two or three good centres, one of which Wilkinson pushed into the net. A few minutes later Grant's were back again and Urquhart just managed to push a very hard shot round the goal post, giving Grant's a corner. The corner was successfully saved from becoming a goal by O'Brien heading it well clear.

Many of Grant's attacks might have ended in still more goals but for the excellent accuracy with which O'Brien managed to head the ball.

The result was by now quite obvious and during the last few minutes Grant's broke through a tired defence three times, Cunliffe, Wilkinson and Winckworth adding three more goals to Grant's seemingly ever increasing pile.

The final whistle went, leaving Grant's the victors by 11 goals to nil.  
J.C.S.D.

## FINAL OF SENIORS.

### Grant's v. Homeboarders.

Homeboarders won the toss and chose to defend the Victoria end. Grant's started straight off from the kick, immediately attacking, but a foul was given against Cunliffe inside the Homeboarders' penalty area. Homeboarders retaliated and Kleeman, getting away alone, shot wide. Cunliffe, getting the ball from the goal kick, took it up the left wing and centred, W. P. Budgett steadied the ball and shot high into the net. In spite of this early goal Grant's were not playing together well; the goal was the best movement so far seen in the three rounds.

The game, though, was still wild and uncontrolled and Kleeman, taking a good opportunity, gave a through pass to Gawthorne, who, through a miscalculated run-out by Patterson, equalised for Homeboarders. The game now looked like being a good struggle. At the kick-off Grant's attacked again vigorously, Woodbridge shot high, but was unfortunate in the ball hitting the goal post. Homeboarders, however, had settled down and were attacking dangerously; but for the poor shooting of their forwards and the safety of Patterson's keeping they most certainly would have scored. Greenish, mainly owing to his size, quite dominated the right wing, who had very few chances to centre. Reed, though kicking well, was rushing his charges and so allowing Gawthorne to centre.

Grant's began to find their feet and a low shot from Fursdon had Seal in difficulties. A good move by the whole forward line ended in a hard shot by Wilkinson, which went into the net. At the kick-off Long and H. A. Budgett collided and this resulted in an injury to Long's ankle which prevented him from running for some time; this was a great disadvantage to Homeboarders, as he was the mainstay of their defence and attack.

Grant's, making use of this misfortune, settled down well and soon had most of the game. Cunliffe scored with a good shot from

close in. Grant's continued to press hard and a few minutes before half-time Doll headed a goal from a good centre by Fursdon. Grant's started attacking immediately, Woodbridge was off-side and the half-time whistle sounded.

The first half had started with Homeboarders playing more convincing football but ended with Grant's leading very comfortably by 4 to 1.

Soon after the kick-off, Fursdon dribbled right through but his hard shot was saved by Seal. Woodbridge got away, centred and Doll headed it in but unfortunately was off-side. Woodbridge collecting the ball ran right across the field to the right wing, shot and missed by yards. Homeboarders, although making several raids on the Grant's goal, never looked really like scoring. W. P. Budgett ran away alone to the Homeboarders' goal but shot wide. Then after several goal kicks by Homeboarders Doll received a pass from Greenish and shot the fifth goal.

Long and Gawthorne were both doing a lot of work for Homeboarders' attack, but Grant's defence was too solid for any dangerous rushes to worry them.

Doll, getting away alone, ran round Seal who had rushed out, adding yet another goal to make the score 6-1. Doll was then twice off-side before Cunliffe put in a very good shot well out of Seal's reach. Grant's had several corners against them but without any further score.

Neal was unfortunately tripped outside the penalty area, but, as he fell with his hands into it, a penalty was given, Long took it and drove it straight at Patterson who punted clear. Doll, getting the ball and dribbling a short distance, shot past Seal to make the score eight for to one against.

Homeboarders never gave up but it would have been a great surprise for everyone if they had scored again, for their attack, now, and one might say for the whole of the second half, had never looked dangerous.

Cunliffe was unlucky not to score again for the ball was only just pushed outside the post by Seal.

Soon after this the final whistle went and Grant's had won the final of Seniors. Although the score made it seem an easy victory, the play was even. Grant's had played together more than in the previous rounds when the scoring had been mainly in the second halves.

Thus Grant's won Seniors with a good average of thirty goals for to one against in the three rounds.

D.S.W.

### SENIORS CRITICISMS.

**H. A. Budgett** (Centre-half). On the field he was all that one could want as a player and as a captain. His defence was always reliable whether he had to do his own work or had to cover up another's mistakes; his influence in attack was equally noticeable by his steady passing and his occasional long-shots.

The House, in the opinion of the writer, might well have lost the final of Seniors but for his steady common sense in captaincy. When the game threatened to degenerate into a dog-fight, he seemed to realize that this would immediately reduce a side with more skilful technique to the level of their opponents, and might well lose the match. His personal example of unceasing steady play and encouragement averted the danger.

Off the field, he has been, in spite of his duties as School Secretary of Football, a really energetic and knowledgeable House Captain. T.M.-R.

**M. L. Patterson** (Goalkeeper). During Seniors he had very few occasions which necessitated his usual spectacular saves often seen in School matches. He played a sound game in each round, and except for the one mistake in the Final which resulted in the one and only goal, he did excellently.

He must learn to kick a dead ball much harder; also he must try to catch a high ball and not always to punch clear.

**D. F. Cunliffe** (Inside-left). Since last season he has become a very useful player; his passing is always accurate, and he always looks up to find openings. He has the great asset of being able to kick well with either foot.

He must try to keep up more with the forwards when attacking and also get back when his opposing half is attacking. He is inclined to hang on to the ball too long.

**J. W. Woodbridge** (Outside-left). A very fast winger who had little opposition in Seniors, as he was responsible for nearly all the goals.

He must try to combine more with the other forwards by getting the ball back instead of always trying to shoot from the wing.

**J. C. S. Doll** (Centre-forward). Played a very useful game in the Final of Seniors, and was unfortunate in missing the second round through an injury.

He has learnt to head well, and keeps well up though sometimes inclined to get offside. Against Ashburnham he was responsible for six out of the eleven goals. He must try to think and look up a little more before he passes the ball.

**D. L. Wilkinson** (Inside-right). A clever player who knows the game; he passes accurately but is inclined to be rushed. He combines well with the other forwards; using his head with precision.

He must try to become a little faster.

**\*B. V. I. Greenish** (Right-back). He has improved considerably since last year, he has become much faster. He marked his wings carefully and consistently. He is rather apt to rush his charges. He must learn to kick harder and to use his head more.

**\*R. A. Reed** (Left-back). His game in Seniors was rather disappointing as he will always rush his tackles. If he overcomes this wild habit he will become a very useful back. He has a powerful kick which sometimes misfires.



\***G. H. J. Fursdon** (Right-half). He played extremely well in Seniors. He put in an enormous amount of work both in attack and defence. His positional play is good. He must learn to kick the ball with his instep and also to try to head the ball more.

†**S. Moller** (Left-half). He played a useful game, passing and kicking well. He must try to look as if he is taking an interest in the game, as his opposing forwards are often unmarked. He must also try to get rid of the ball quicker.

†**W. P. Budgett** (Outside-right). Played right-half in the first round. Here he played extremely well marking his man the whole time. In the other rounds he played outside-right. He shows considerable promise, he is fast, gutty, and places himself well; his kicking though is still weak, he must learn to centre the ball harder.

\***C. E. Newman** (Outside-right). He played wing during the first round. He tried very hard but was unfortunate in having an injury in his right leg. He, also, must learn to kick the ball properly if he is to become a really useful winger.

H.A.B.

\* Available for Juniors.

† Awarded Seniors.

### SENIOR LEAGUES.

The leagues during the Play Term have as a whole been improved by reducing the number of sides which each house had to turn out. Grant's for the first time has had a really unsuccessful term. The league came out fifth in the Table with a total of seven points out of a possible thirty, and with a goal average of forty-three goals for and eighty-two against.

The side, though, has been very keen and tried hard against overwhelming odds, as four-fifths of the House are always taken up into School Games; so a very young team was always playing against an older and larger side than themselves. They are to be congratulated on their spirit.

H.A.B.

### JUNIORS' PROSPECTS.

When I wrote the Football Prospects last August, I only described some of the better players in the House, mainly with the thought of the Seniors' side. Now after two and a half months of the game, and also after two matches in the Junior League, I am in a better position to judge the Juniors. The first two matches of Junior Leagues were both won, beating H.BB. and A.HH. This is distinctly promising. Enough has been said in the Seniors' report about Greenish, Reed, Fursdon and Newman.

Finn in goal has a strong kick and punches well clear, but he must learn to throw himself across to a ball.

Borradaile, centre-half, who captained the School Under 14½ XI, has become a very useful player; he looks up but is inaccurate

in his passing; he must learn to kick harder and also to head. Abrahams, right-half, must get more ball control. Winckworth, centre-forward, puts in a lot of solid work; he is still too slow and he is rather apt to bungle.

Fevez, Yealland and Evans all have quite a sound knowledge of the game, but they must speed up and put more go into their game  
H.A.B.

### THE WATER.

It is always most difficult to write anything about the Water during the Play Term. The usual programme of practice and tuition is followed, which it is hoped will produce its fruits in the summer. It was for this reason that no article about the Water appeared in the Elizabethan, as it seems absurd to put in a paragraph to say that Water still exists.

But at this time we can very well take stock of the position of the House on the Water now that it is fairly obvious what the personnel during the year will be. There always appear to be two factors which settle the position of a House or School with regard to any game. Firstly whether the Senior members are good, and secondly whether the Junior members are promising. If we can regard both these with pleasure that House or School is fairly certain to have a good run of success.

As far as regards the Senior members the numbers of experienced oarsmen has been seriously depleted by the loss at the end of last term of two pinks and two pink and whites. That loss will not be easy to replace, but it is too soon yet to tell quite how many we shall have in Trial Eights. We cannot however hope to have as many as last year when we had, I think, seven out of sixteen and both the coxes. But, while not wishing to appear pessimistic, we shall have to work hard to retain the Senior and Junior-Senior Fours.

The position with regard to the Junior members is most encouraging. The realisation that the best policy for the House is to encourage boys who show no aptitude for football or cricket to take to water and to present water to parents and new boys as a definite alternative to football and cricket is now giving its results. This term there were six new watermen, of whom four were new boys. In addition to this most favourable sign the middle batch of watermen who, we may hope, will find places in the Junior trial eights is most promising.

The upshot is that those who left last term have made a nasty hole which must be filled as soon as possible but that on the whole there has not been such a serious loss that we cannot hope to make it good in a short time.

At the end of term three semi-serious races were held at Putney. There was a series of handicap sculling races in which there were sometimes eight boats racing in one heat, most difficult and exciting, and also most tricky for the handicapper. Then there was a race for the New Watermen rowed in two Fours. Unfortunately rather

a large number of them had trouble in the medical line that day and so only three boats could be manned. But it led to a most close race, the first and second crews only being separated by one foot.

Finally there was a handicap race for the four trial eights from the U.B.R. stone to Chiswick Church. "D" started first, then "C" and last "A" and "B" equal. "A" won after a good race up the straight by the island with "D," and "B" overtook "C" but did not manage to catch up "D." In several of the races in each of the handicap events the handicapper was remarkably successful in contriving close finishes. Such events as these are a pleasant interlude to the more serious work of the term.

G.L.Y.R.

### THE O.T.C.

To write about the O.T.C. is always difficult. Any article is apt to turn either into criticism or into propaganda. A little of both of these may be good.

As far as the actual work of the O.T.C. is concerned it has progressed quite steadily. A Field Day in Richmond Park against Aldenham which was expected to be rather a dud show turned out well. Although everything did not go quite to plan, that was because Aldenham did the dirty by coming round a wood we did not expect them to; there was never much more than the usual slight laziness on the part of those boys who had or felt that they had something responsible to do.

The general scheme was that Westminster were employed in a rearguard action from Robin Hood Gate to Richmond Gate; at which a position was to be occupied and a counter attack made. Unfortunately, the counter attack was delivered too soon, and so a rather mangy noise announced that annoying call the "Cease Fire!" For the purpose of the Field Day the Contingent was organised into two Companies, each of three platoons of three sections each. There were two positions and then the final one at Richmond Gate. "A" Company in the first got away well, but "B" Company in the second had a more difficult task; but thanks to a path through a wood of which Aldenham were ignorant we managed to make good our escape. After the usual cleaning of rifles we marched into Richmond and had tea.

Although the actual work is going well the O.T.C. is still rather behind the times with some things such as the uniform, and we look forward eagerly to the day when this will be changed and we shall also have more field days.

But we have not the same proportion of N.C.O's as last year and the reason is not far to seek. The batch of boys who came to the school when the first year squads came into existence are just coming to the top of the House, and those squads were definitely not a success and also coincided with the starting of the Scout Troop. The two between them depleted the flow of recruits, and this seemed to happen especially up Grant's, so that now nearly half the Scout

Troop is up Grants. Thus it is all the more welcome that all but two of this term's new boys have joined the O.T.C. If that percentage of recruiting were maintained throughout the School the Corps would be nearly three hundred strong.

Next term we shall have to work hard to retain the Drill Cup, but we have no right to call ourselves the best house if that cup does not make itself a permanent home up Grant's.

G.L.Y.R.

### SCOUTS.

During the term all 1st Class candidates passed their last test, that of distance judging; eleven badges were gained, so that now, out of the fifty First Class badges in the District, the Troop hold twenty-eight. Four more recruits joined at the beginning of the term. These are well on their way through First Class work.

This term, for the first time, a lot of work has been taken off Mr. Barber's shoulders and distributed amongst the P.L's and Seconds, who can now take on some responsibility in running the parades and, also, are kept up to scratch by it.

The King's Scout Prize, a prismatic compass, was presented to the Troop by the District Commissioner on the last uniform parade of the term. In a short speech he said that it was the special wish of the Chief Scout that during Coronation Year all first class Scouts should try to become King's Scouts; we hope that a large proportion of the twenty-eight will become King's Scouts. In the evening a Troop tea was held in the basement and the Millbank Scouts were also present; we were very pleased to see Mr. Garnett, E. Bindloss and D. Evans who helped us in organising the tea.

H.A.B.

### MUSIC.

"Let all the house in concert sing." A good thing to look forward to, and we are now at any rate on the way to achieve this. For the past two years the standard of house-music has steadily improved, mainly due to the enthusiasm of P. N. Cardew, who, I hope, is now enjoying cutting harmless little animals to pieces. Only four years ago it was almost unheard of to enter a choir for the inter-house music competition, still less an orchestra. Occasionally a quartet would perform, to everyone's delight or more probably disgust, and bring forth the most discordant and weird noises one could possibly imagine. At last, however, people have begun to realise that while they are here at Westminster, they can practise almost any branch of music. I do not suggest that anyone should approach Dr. Lofthouse with a mouth organ or a penny whistle, as the results might be rather painful; but with the army of music masters at our disposal I am sure anyone could find something of his own taste.

About half the House puts in an appearance at the Madrigal Society, and, I am glad to say, does make some attempt to sing, which is more than some members of other Houses do. Our singing

in Abbey has now reached quite a reasonable standard, and, thanks to two of our "reverend fathers," who with unerring regularity remind us of the points of the compass by means of hymns in antiphon, we are able to show our neighbours how to sing.

I look forward to the Election term, when I hope we shall be able to add to our successes of last year. The orchestra by next Election term will have swollen to quite alarming proportions. I think there will be about a dozen players, a great improvement on last year. So I hope next year you may hear: "You have been listening to Grant's choir and orchestra. Good night everybody, good night!"

J.P.H.

### GRANT'S LITERARY SOCIETY.

Our meetings this term have taken place as before on Friday evenings. At the beginning of each school year we have many new members in the society and it was only natural that some people were rather overawed at the first few meetings. However everybody was reading very freely by the end of term and we will hope for a still higher standard next term. Our numbers were larger than they have ever been, mainly due to the fact that everybody attended the meetings very regularly, including, I am glad to say, the half-boarder monitor. With sixteen members in a society it is obviously very difficult to arrange that everybody should be reading a large part, but all members very willingly took a mute part or else a very small one when necessary. Of course the play went better when everybody had a good part, and it was for this reason that "Caesar and Cleopatra" and "Justice" were the chief successes.

The term started as usual with a Shakespearean play, "The Merchant of Venice" being chosen. We were very glad that Mr. Fisher was able to come to this meeting, and hope he will give us more frequent visits in future. Doll adapted himself well to the difficult part of Shylock, the Jew, and Mr. Tanner displayed his usual skill with Basanio. It was pleasing to see that some of our new members showed talent and promise, Morland, in particular, reading a smallish part, Nerissa, with ability.

"The Merchant of Venice" was followed by "The Voyage of Inheritance," which, before the reading, appeared to be quite unknown. In this play, Granville-Barker displays and mingles his wit of rather a subtle nature with his skill as a judge of character, and the play proved a success. Mr. Tanner read Mr. Voyagey, and Mr. Carleton Edward Voyagey. Patterson made an excellent Major Booth, and Moller a most amusing Honor.

After this, we again reverted to Shaw, and this time "Caesar and Cleopatra" was chosen. Mr. Tanner as Caesar and Morland as Cleopatra were the leading lights, but Mr. Murray-Rust as Apollodorus and Doll as the unpronounceable (except by himself) Flatateeta were extremely good. This play went down particularly well, and Cleopatra found it so amusing that she was once or twice quite unable to come in at the right time.

We then read a Barrie play, "Dear Brutus." This, too, was a great success, but it was unfortunate that the cast was so small in comparison with our numbers.

The term's readings were concluded with the famous "Justice" by Galsworthy, an outstanding and thoroughly interesting play, and one is not surprised after reading it, that it created such a stir when it was first printed. Radcliffe as Falder and Wilkinson as Cokeson were excellent, and Mr. Carleton was an excellent Judge.

In conclusion, we should like to thank the Housemaster for the refreshments he gave us before the proceedings, Mr. Carleton for his kind advice to me personally and for always and willingly reading the Stage Directions and Prologues, and Mr. Tanner for his regular appearances.

D.F.C.

### "The Merchant of Venice," by Shakespeare.

Cast.

Antonio .....	C. H. Fisher, Esq.
Salarino .....	Wilkinson
Salanio .....	Woodbridge
Bassanio .....	L. E. Tanner, Esq.
Lorenzo .....	Hart
Gratiano .....	Radcliffe
Portia .....	Cunliffe
Nerissa .....	Morland
Servant .....	Reed
Shylock .....	Doll
Prince of Morocco .....	J. D. Carleton, Esq.
Launcelot (Gobbo) .....	Patterson
Old Gobbo .....	Strother-Stewart
Leonardo .....	T. M. Murray-Rust, Esq.
Jessica .....	Dick
Prince of Arragon .....	T. M. Murray-Rust, Esq.
Tubal .....	Patterson
Balthazar .....	Moller
Duke of Venice .....	J. D. Carleton, Esq.
Stephano .....	Budgett

### "The Voyage Inheritance," by Granville-Barker.

Cast.

Mr. Voyagey .....	L. E. Tanner, Esq.
Mrs. Voyagey .....	Dick
Peacey .....	Budgett
Edward .....	J. D. Carleton, Esq.
Major Booth (Voysey) .....	Patterson
Mr. George Booth .....	T. M. Murray-Rust, Esq.
Tregoning .....	Wilkinson
Mr. Copus .....	Strother-Stewart
Trenchard .....	Doll
Hugh .....	Radcliffe
Mary .....	Reed

Phoebe .....	Cunliffe
Emily .....	Hart
Alice .....	Morland
Ethel .....	Reed
Beatrice .....	Woodbridge
Honor .....	Moller

**“ Caesar and Cleopatra,” by Bernard Shaw.**

Cast.

Caesar .....	L. E. Tanner, Esq.
Apollodorus .....	T. M. Murray-Rust, Esq.
Sentinel .....	Reed
Flatateeta .....	Doll
Centurians .....	Patterson
Cleopatra .....	Morland
1st Auxiliary .....	Woodbridge
2nd Auxiliary .....	Dick
1st Porter .....	Radcliffe
2nd Porter .....	Wilkinson
3rd Porter .....	Budgett
4th Porter .....	Moller
Boatman .....	J. D. Carleton, Esq.
Rufio .....	Wilkinson
Britannus .....	Hart
Musician .....	Hart
Ivas .....	Budgett
Charmian .....	Strother-Stewart
Pothinus .....	Woodbridge
The Official .....	Cunliffe
2nd Official .....	Dick
Major-Domo .....	Doll
Lucius .....	Moller
Belzanor .....	Strother-Stewart
Persian .....	Radcliffe
Stage Directions, etc. ....	J. D. Carleton, Esq.

**“ Dear Brutus,” by J. M. Barrie.**

Cast.

Alice Dearth .....	Hart
Mrs. Coady .....	Reed and Budgett
Joanna Trout .....	Morland and Dick
Mabel Purdie .....	Strother-Stewart
Lady Caroline Laney .....	Moller
Maty .....	Wilkinson
Lob .....	Patterson
Mr. Coade .....	L. E. Tanner, Esq.
Mr. Purdie .....	Woodbridge and Radcliffe
Will Dearth .....	Budgett and T. M. Murray-Rust, Esq.
Margaret .....	Cunliffe
Stage Directions, etc. ....	J. D. Carleton, Esq.

**" Justice," by John Galsworthy.**

Cast.

Cokeson .....	Wilkinson
Sweedle .....	Reed
Ruth Honeywill .....	Cunliffe
Falder .....	Radeliffe
Walter How .....	Budgett
James How .....	T. M. Murray-Rust, Esq.
Cowley .....	Strother-Stewart
Wister .....	Patterson
Frome .....	L. E. Tanner, Esq.
Judge .....	J. D. Carleton, Esq.
Foreman of the Jury .....	Woodbridge
Clerk of Assize .....	Moller
The Governor of the Prison ...	L. E. Tanner, Esq.
Wooder .....	Hart
The Chaplain .....	Dick
The Doctor .....	Doll
Warder Instructor .....	Strother-Stewart
O'Cleary .....	Patterson
Moaney .....	Moller
Clipston .....	Woodbridge

**WHEN WE WERE VERY YOUNG.**

" If you trace its history back far enough," said the House Tutor, relighting his pipe for the fourteenth time, " if you only go back far enough you will find that its history is lost in the obscurity of the middle ages."

The Editor eyed him dubiously for a moment or two. " So what?" he said at last.

The House Tutor ignored the interruption. " Just because you fellows live in an up-to-date, modernised house," he continued, " you think that its history begins when you set foot inside it and that nothing which you can't remember is worth recording. You're wrong, though, of course. History ends where memory begins, and if you suppose that—well, anyhow, Grant's wasn't built in a day."

" Busby's was," murmured the Editor, " at least, in about ten days." Then louder. " But the middle ages. You were just going to get lost in them," he added helpfully.

" Of course. As I was saying, at about the time when the middle ages were emerging from their own obscurity, that is, at about the beginning of the sixteenth century, the space now occupied by the three houses on the south side of Yard was covered with a great house whose original owner seems to have been one Sir Hugh Vaughan, who held it on a lease from the Abbot and Monastery of Westminster. ' Vaughan's house,' as it came to be called, was a pleasant, rambling building, with a courtyard in front and a garden behind bounded by the old monastic wall (still to be seen), on the other side of which ran the Abbey millstream. Its front



windows looked out over—well, I needn't describe the view from the front windows of Grant's to you; but you would hardly recognise the view from the back. From the window of Inner you no longer look out over a mile of fields across the river to the Surrey hills. It was a large house (there is mention of 'a great staircase in a great turret' in it), and in 1549 the Lord Protector Somerset cast a covetous eye upon it. The Dean and Chapter, who, it is alleged, had just countered a proposal to pull down the Abbey to provide stone for building Somerset House, were ready with their answer. They said that it had become a prebendal residence and therefore could not be alienated, and the plea was successful. But before the end of the century it had again become a private residence and at the beginning of the seventeenth century it passed by inheritance into the hands of an Old Westminster, Dudley Carleton, afterwards Viscount Dorchester.

"Carleton, after being mixed up in the Gunpowder Plot (he had negotiated, quite innocently as it turned out, the transfer of the fateful cellar to the conspirators), lived to become one of the leading diplomats of his day. He largely remodelled Vaughan's house, and added a banqueting hall to it and a gateway opening on to the narrow passage way which led from the entrance of Yard to the School.

"After his death his widow continued to live there, and during the Civil War it was occupied by one of the Parliamentary Generals. Then, early in the eighteenth century, it came into the possession of Dr. Robert Friend, the Head Master of the time, who turned it into two large and 'very airy' boarding houses, to receive 'about 80 sons of the Nobility and Gentry.' To one of these, Mrs. Beresford's, came Edward Harley, afterwards Earl of Oxford, who has recorded that in the Sacheverell riots of 1709 the mob came and broke Mrs. Beresford's windows and threatened to tear down her house, with the result that the boys were suddenly sent home. Yet another part of Vaughan's house, 'up one pair of stairs between the staircase and the Dormitory,' was turned into lodgings for the Under Master in 1732.

"Then in 1751, a familiar name appears. The Mrs. Grant (the first of three 'Mother Grants'), who makes her bow from the pages of the Rate Books for that year, was the wife of a certain John Grant, who, so far as the house was concerned, seems to have played merely a shadowy Albert to her Victoria. It is possible that she had already kept a boarding house elsewhere (the earliest mention of Grant's house against the names of boys in the School Registers occurs in 1745), and even in 1744 her services to Westminster had already begun, since her son, Richard, later to preside over Grant's in her stead, had been born in that year. Richard Grant rivals Dean Vincent in length of service to the School. He entered the house in 1750 at the age of six; in 1757 he was elected to the College; in 1762 he was Captain, and, after the briefest of careers at Trinity College, Cambridge, returned to Westminster as an usher in 1764 and remained there for the next 49 years of his life.

“ It is unfortunate that we have the names of few early Grantites. Arthur Chichester, 1st Marquess of Donegal, entered the house in 1748, and a year earlier came Charles Agar, afterwards Archbishop of Dublin and Earl of Normanton, who amassed an enormous fortune in Ireland and completed the destruction of the magnificent old cathedral on the Rock of Cashel. But from 1752 to 1815 the custom of noting the house to which a boy went against his name in the Admission Books was discontinued, and it is only occasionally that a casual reference will supply the missing information. Gerrard Andrewes, afterwards Dean of Canterbury, was perhaps Usher of Grant's, the eighteenth century equivalent of a house-tutor, for there exists a letter addressed to him in 1775 at ‘ Mrs. Grant's, Little Dean's Yard.’ As a boy he had been in College, and had stood by the tomb of King Richard II in the Abbey while another King's Scholar put his hand through a hole in the stonework and fished out the jawbone of the King. Andrewes thrashed the boy, but kept the jawbone, and it was not until 1906 that it was restored to the tomb by his descendants.

“ In 1787 Mrs. Grant went to her well-earned rest and was buried in the North Cloister. Her house had not perhaps been one of the most fashionable; the ‘ quality children ’ went mostly to Mrs. Watts' next door, and probably not many early Grantites arrived like Cowper's friends, the Bagot boys, who used to ride from Staffordshire at the beginning of each term preceded by a servant blowing a horn. But Grant's prospered under her rule, and we could wish that we knew more about the house in her time. Even its appearance is a matter for conjecture. Jeremy Bentham has recorded his impression of Morel's, as Mrs. Watts' house had become by 1755. He describes it as a large, rambling edifice containing a sort of irregular central spot ‘ with processes, in the anatomical sense, issuing from it in various directions,’ and as Grant's was another part of the original Vaughan's house we may imagine it as something similar. When Mrs. Grant died the old house was in its last days. In 1789 it was pulled down, and Mr. Robert Furze Brettingham, architect, of Berkeley Square, contracted to build three houses on the south side of Yard. One of them was the present Grant's, and we may leave a former generation of Westminster's examining its brand-new facade with a critical eye, much as we ourselves examined the exterior of Busby's last term.”

### THE OLD GRANTITE CLUB.

#### Report on the Annual General Meeting, held up Grant's on Wednesday, October 28th, 1936.

The following Members were present:—

The President, Mr. R. T. Squire, H. S. Bompas, W. G. Borradaile, C. M. Cahn, J. H. M. Dullely, J. G. Frampton, W. E. Heard, W. Hepburn, F. N. Hornsby, J. M. Hornsby, D. K. C.

O'Malley, M. S. Murphy, F. R. Oliver, M. H. Prance, G. R. Y. Radcliffe, P. R. Rea, G. P. Stevens, A. B. de S. Sutton, P. Sutton, The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Bevan and the Hon. Secretary, Arthur Garrard.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Report and Accounts, which were formally adopted. (A full Statement appears later in this number).

### Officers for 1936/7.

On the motion of G. R. Y. Radcliffe, seconded by D. K. C. O'Malley, the Officers were re-elected en bloc.

Presidents	...	...	...	R. T. Squire
Vice Presidents	...	...	...	G. E. Mills
				W. N. McBride
Hon. Treasurer	...	...	...	Peter Bevan
Hon. Secretary	...	...	...	Arthur Garrard

### Committee.

On the motion of G. P. Stevens, seconded by W. G. Borradaile, the Committee were re-elected for 1936/7:—

J. Heard	...	...	...	1894-9
H. S. Bompas	...	...	...	1895-1900
J. Harrop	...	...	...	1928-33
F. N. Hornsby	...	...	...	1916-21
J. M. Ockleshaw	...	...	...	1925-30
J. W. Finn	...	...	...	1930-3

### Hon. Auditors.

On the motion of C. M. Cahn, seconded by J. H. M. Dullely, W. Hepburn and G. P. Stevens were asked to continue in office for 1936/7.

### Other Business.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that during the past year an Old Grantite had been helped financially by the Club.

On hearing that Mrs. Bowler, widow of the School Sergeant, was in straitened circumstances, an immediate payment was voted to her from Club Funds.

At the close of the Meeting, the Members adjourned to the Drawing Room where they were entertained by the Master and Mrs. Murray-Rust and regaled with sherry.

The Members do hope that Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rust realise how much their kindness is appreciated and how very pleasant it is to be able to meet one's friends again up Grant's and under such extremely congenial circumstances.

## ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF MEMBERS.

### New Members.

- 1932-6 BOYD, J. GORDON. 3, Heath Court, Frognal, N.W.3.  
 1922-7 CARR, R. W. D. The Croft, Woodside Avenue, N.12.  
 1931-6 HEARD, J. C. Abbottsmead, Northwood, Middlesex.  
 1930-6 KEMP, A. S. H. 41, Langley Park Road, Sutton, Surrey.  
 1919-24 MURPHY, M. S. H.M. Customs, Takoradi, Gold Coast.  
 1924-9 PAUL, J. S. 4, Heathfield Court, Chiswick, W.4.  
 1916-20 REA, J. R. 46a, Pelham Street, S.W.  
 1916-20 REA, F. R. 10, Smith Street, Chelsea, S.W.  
 1932-6 SMITH, M. BAIRD-. The Rectory, Wheathampstead,  
 Herts.  
 STEVENS, W. H. C. CLEVELAND-. 2, Lower Berkeley  
 Street, W.1.  
 1930-6 SUTTON, P. 1, Campden Hill Gardens, Kensington, W.8.

### Alteration of Address.

- BERRY, Z. D. 29, St. George's Court, S.W.7.  
 DULLEY, J. H. M. 19, Collingham Road, S.W.1.  
 EDEN, G. E. M. 62, Ebury Street, S.W.1.  
 GRAHAME, M. C. R., M.B., D.P.H. Kibble Bank House,  
 Burnley, Lancs.  
 HARROP, J. Charlton Hill, Wroxeter, Salop.  
 HEWINS, M. G. 17, Old Buildings, W.C.2.  
 HUNTER, F. T. Albert Foundry, Belfast.  
 JENKINS, J. G. ARNOLD-. Arundel House, Seaford, Sussex.  
 MACKINTOSH, Dr. N. A. 18a, Circus Road, N.W.8.  
 MOON, W. E. P. 8, Harley Gardens, S.W.10.  
 MORDAUNT, R. G. A. 51, Nevilles Court, Dollis Hill Lane, N.W.2.  
 PENDRED, V., M.D. Glebe Cottage, Tilford, Surrey.  
 PLUMMER, R. 23, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16.  
 SHEPLEY, M. The Vicarage, Vincent Square, S.W.1.  
 SYNGE, W. J. 21, Collingham Road, S.W.5.

### Resigned.

- 1922-27 WINCKWORTH, J. P. 30, Buckingham Gate West, S.W.1.

### Addresses not known.

- 1895-8 DANIEL, W. P.  
 1925-30 GARDNER, H. J. V.  
 1910-5 SMITH, RYDER.

**Note.**—If any Member is able to let me have any of these addresses, I shall be much obliged.

Arthur Garrard,  
 Estate Office,  
 West Grinstead,  
 Horsham, Sussex.

OLD GRANTITE CLUB.

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September, 1936.

1935.		1936.	
Oct. 1st.	£ s. d.	Sept. 30th.	£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank—		By Cost of Club Dinner ...	13 0 1
Deposit Account ...	20 0 0	Cost of Entertainer ...	2 2 0
Current Account ...	14 9 4	Special Grant ...	10 0 0
Cash in hands of Hon. Treasurer	34 9 4	Printing 3 numbers, "Grantite Review" ...	34 17 6
101 Subscriptions for 1935/6 at 10/-	50 10 0	Printing and Stationery ...	4 9 6
7 Subscriptions for 1935/6 at 5/-	1 15 0	Hon. Treasurer's Exps. ...	2 8 10
1 Subscription for 1935/6 at 10/6	10 6	Balance at Bank—	
1 Subscription in advance ...	10 0	Deposit Account ...	20 0 0
Interest on War Loan ...	5 5 0	Current Account ...	17 12 9
Interest on Deposit ...	2 0	Cash in hands of Hon. Treasurer	37 12 9
Grant's subscription to "Grantite Review" ...	12 0 0		12 5
	<u>£105 3 1</u>		<u>£105 3 1</u>

PETER BEVAN, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the above Summary of Receipts and Payments of the Old Grantite Club for the year ended 30th September, 1936, with the relative books and vouchers and find it to be correctly drawn in accordance therewith. We have verified the cash at Bank and the holding of £150 3½ per cent. War Loan.

London.

21st October, 1936.

WALLACE HEPBURN  
 GEOFFREY P. STEVENS.  
*Chartered Accountants. Hon. Auditors.*

**OLD GRANTITES.**

Mr. W. T. S. Stallybrass has been elected Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford.

Mr. R. W. Edgar has been selected for appointment to the Colonial Administrative Service and posted to Nigeria.

**BIRTHS.**

HARTLEY. On August 28, the wife of Lister Hartley, a daughter.

NEGUS. On August 26, the wife of A. J. S. Negus, a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**

RADFORD—NEILL. On September 12, Herbert Radford to Nancy Archbold, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Neill, of Prestwich, Lancs.

**NOTICES.**

All correspondence should be addressed to the Editor, 2, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.1, and all contributions must be clearly written on **one side** of the paper only.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Old Grantite Club and of "The Grantite Review" is P. J. S. Bevan, and all subscriptions should be sent to him at 4, Brick Court, Temple, E.C.4.

The Hon. Secretary of the Old Grantite Club and "The Grantite Review" is A. Garrard, and all enquiries should be sent to him at Fuller's Farm, West Grinstead, Horsham, Sussex.

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